

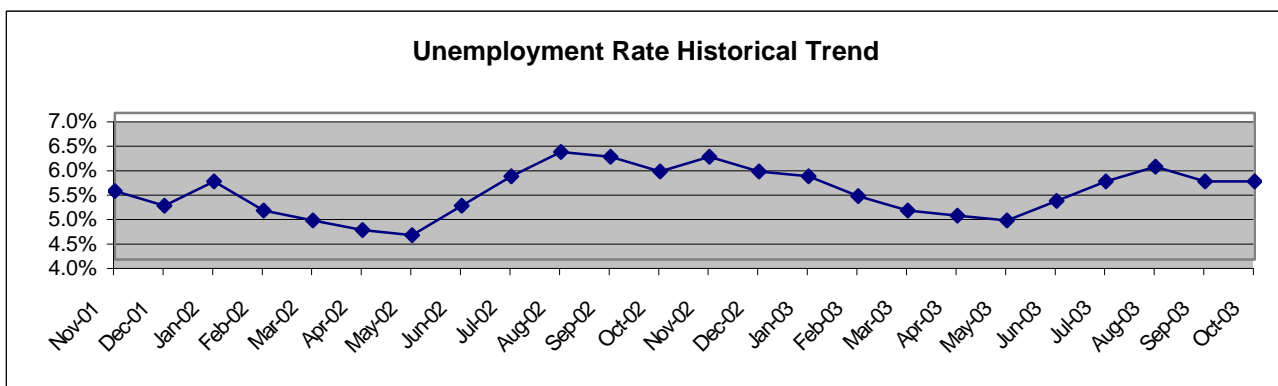
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 VENTURA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Ventura County)

The unemployment rate in Ventura County remained unchanged at 5.6 percent between September and October 2003, and below the year-ago estimate of 5.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.4 percent for California and 5.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Month to month changes				Year to year changes		
	Sept 2003	Oct 2003	Change		Oct 2002	Oct 2003	Change
Total jobs	291,000	292,400	1,400		298,300	292,400	(5,900)
Farm	17,700	18,500	800		18,100	18,500	400
Natural resources and mining	700	700	0		800	700	(100)
Construction	13,700	13,100	(600)		14,800	13,100	(1,700)
Manufacturing	36,800	36,800	0		37,800	36,800	(1,000)
Trade, transportation and utilities	52,500	53,600	1,100		51,900	53,600	1,700
Information	8,000	7,900	(100)		8,500	7,900	(600)
Financial activities	22,300	22,300	0		21,900	22,300	400
Professional and business services	33,900	34,000	100		36,600	34,000	(2,600)
Educational and health services	26,600	26,800	200		26,900	26,800	(100)
Leisure and hospitality	26,300	26,000	(300)		27,200	26,000	(1,200)
Other services	8,500	8,400	(100)		8,300	8,400	100
Government	44,000	44,300	300		45,500	44,300	(1,200)

Notes - Data not adjusted for seasonality

- Data may not add due to rounding

Additional data are available on-line at <http://www.calmis.ca.gov>